GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Kidney Transplant
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) has issued detailed guidelines for kidney transplant from deceased donors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to modify/amend the existing rules/ provisions for organ donation in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any kind of opposition to certain proposed amendments under Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Rules, 2013 and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage organ donation awareness among people across the country?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a) & (b): The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) has notified draft guidelines on Standard Operative Procedures (SOP) for kidney transplant from deceased donors. The same has been uploaded on the website of NOTTO viz. www.notto.gov.in. It specifies the processes/procedure to be followed in cases related to kidney transplantation.

(c): There is no such proposal under consideration.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Though health is a State Subject, the Government of India has taken proactive steps to encourage organ donation in the country. These include:
I. The importance of organ donation has been highlighted by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in 'Mann Ki Baat' Programme broadcast in October and November 2015;

II. Website of NOTTO namely www.notto.nic.in has been made functional for providing updated information to general public.

III. A 24x7 call centre with toll free helpline number (1800114770) has been established for providing information and facilitating networking of hospitals. The number has been widely publicized through print, SMS, electronic and social media.

IV. Indian Organ Donation Day is being observed annually since 2010. This year it was observed on 27th November 2015.

V. National Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Registry has been launched.

VI. Members of Donor families from different parts of the country and winners of national competition of slogan on organ donation were felicitated.

VII. Award has been given to the best performing State in the area of Organ Donation.

VIII. Organ Donation Publicity through print media, Display Boards, Frequently Asked Questions, Mobile SMSes, talks by experts, etc. is being undertaken.
IX. Networking of the transplant and/or retrieval hospitals has commenced to ensure that any organ which is donated is not wasted.

X. Systems have now been put in place to register organ donation pledges. Those who want to pledge organs can do so through both offline and online mode.

XI. Financial assistance has been provided for establishing four regional level organizations called Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (ROTTO) in the States of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Assam and UT of Chandigarh and carrying out awareness and training of transplant coordinators.

XII. Training of Transplant Coordinators of Delhi and NCR has been conducted by NOTTO.

XIII. Transplant Hospitals in Delhi and National Capital Region have been instructed for placing Display Boards outside the Intensive Care Units and at strategic locations in the hospital, mentioning that Law requires the doctor on duty/transplant coordinator/counsellor to make inquiry and request for organ donation from the family members of brain stem dead persons.

XIV. As per the need, financial assistance is also provided under the National Organ Transplant Programme for hiring of transplant coordinators in Government Hospitals and Trauma Centres.